



About

Samoan Community Development Center (SCDC) was founded in 1991 in San Francisco, CA as a 501c 3. SCDC was originally developed to fill the needs for the Samoan community and Pacific Islanders alike, who migrated to the United States. In time, the needs in our Pacific Islander became greater, calling for more services.

The San Francisco Bay Area has a population of 82,576 Native and SCDC serves 1,500 of these NHPI's annually. SCDC is also based geographically where a high population of NHPI's reside; however, we offer services to NHPIs from across the Bay Area. Over the past 25 years, SCDC has built programs for youth Kindergarten through College, families, case management, summer cultural programs, mental health promotion, breast cancer education and awareness, and re-entry.

SCDC's Mission

The Samoan Community Development Center is committed to providing an inclusive environment in the San Francisco Bay Area, where Samoan and Pacific Islander voices are heard and the community is served and thriving.

SCDC Vision

- Build a viable community of Samoan professionals and scholars through support for students from Kindergarten to College
- Build community access to services and resources and support grassroots survival strategies, and educate others about Samoan and Pacific Islanders contributions to society.

The Samoan Community Development Center (SCDC) serves all NHPI families and communities in San Francisco through youth programs such as, After-school program, Summer program, cultural enrichment workshops at the different SFUSD sites. Providing academic support and tutoring for Middle and High school students. Making a pathway to college and also trade schools.

We have a Mental Health component to educate our NHPI community on the challenges around mental health and de-stigmatizing the community on how we view mental health. We have a licensed clinician and an AMFT clinician on site to meet with our NHPI families to get support.

We also have our Senior Program "Epenesa O Samoa" which we are working with and we have congregate meals for seniors to come together and fellowship with one another. Epenesa O Samoa Senior Program started in 1995, founded as a place for seniors to meet, fellowship and receive support all in a warm, friendly and safe environment.

The program is open to all seniors ages 60 and above, and anyone 59 years and under with a permanent disability.

SCDC also supports the family as whole, with two parenting programs for parents and children to learn more effective ways to communicate, learning generational gaps, creating a voice for young people, and how to build healthier relationships within the family. We also have a bi-lingual cohort which the curriculum is facilitated in Samoan & English.